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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JIM WILSON, Fire Chief
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Summary of Proceedings)

Res. 09-467

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on September 22, 2009

ACTION AND VOTE:

Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer, pulled item 5 for discussion with the Fire Chief later in the meeting.

Consider Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Item 5 – Discussion was held with Rick Benson and Jim Wilson, Fire Chief, relative to the request. Rick Benson suggested that a list of specific examples be provided. Supervisor Allen expressed concern that this use does not get outside of the parameters of events and rides to school. Jim Wilson advised that any request will need to be cleared by him or the Deputy Fire Chief. Supervisor Turpin expressed concern with taking rides in the engines and relative to being able to include home-school children. Supervisor Aborn stated he would like to see a list; however, he is okay in the interim with the Fire Chief or Deputy Chief approving requests. Rick Benson stated he would like to be notified of all proposed uses in the interim and suggested that the matter come back for the Board to adopt a policy before February 2010. (M)Allen, (S)Cann, Res. 09-467 was adopted approving the request as discussed/Ayes: Aborn, Turpin, Cann, Allen; Excused: Bibby. Jim Wilson advised that they are putting into service the first new engine.

(M)Allen, (S)Turpin, Supervisor Cann was appointed Chair pro-tem/Ayes: Aborn, Turpin, Allen; Abstained: Cann; Excused: Bibby. Chair Aborn was excused for the rest of the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

CA-5 Approve Permitting Non Fire Department Members to Ride in New Fire Apparatus under Non-emergency Conditions while on Display at Community Events (Fire Chief); Res. 09-467, with direction for a policy to be brought back

Cc: File

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Everyone Goes Home

Memo

Date: September 22, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Jim Wilson, Fire Chief

RE: Non-Member Riders in Fire Apparatus

Thanks to the generosity and good faith of County property owners, Mariposa County Fire Department is now realizing a 30-year dream of replacing old fire apparatus with new and technologically superior vehicles. MCFD's volunteer members have a renewed sense of pride and enthusiasm and are eager to share those new firefighting tools with their communities.

Over the next several months MCFD members will be displaying the vehicles at community events and gatherings. Our members are seeking Board approval to permit non-fire department members to take short rides in the apparatus. This would include children.

The apparatus driver would be a Department member and be properly licensed and certified to operate the vehicle. The vehicle will not exceed the posted speed limit and it will be "out-of-service" for response purposes during the ride-along.

The events where rides would be offered would include Fire Prevention Week Open House, ICES Children's Fair, Halloween Carnival, and the Firefighter Appreciation BBQ. One company officer would like to offer a "Ride to School in a Fire Engine" for the student who wins a school-sponsored book reading contest.

For the fire service this is a traditional use of apparatus. It is also an outstanding way to permit the public to see and appreciate the assets their assessment has funded. Our members are motivated to share their new tools.

CAO Benson has been consulted and concurs with approving this request.